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Proclaim April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Los Angeles County

Alcohol Awareness Month is a national health observance. The County of Los Angeles Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs joins the Department of Public Health and other health agencies during this occasion to educate individuals and communities about the consequences of alcohol abuse; empower them with the knowledge and tools to prevent and treat substance use disorders and mobilize communities throughout the County in healthy initiatives.

Alcohol is the second leading cause of premature death and disability in the Los Angeles County and associated with 54 acute and chronic health conditions and excessive alcohol consumption results in \$249 billion annual economic costs in the United States and the annual economic cost to Los Angeles County is \$10.3 billion in lost productivity and healthcare costs. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, the Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs and the Board of Supervisors call on residents, students and communities to observe this month with participation in underage and excessive drinking prevention activities and alcohol screenings with their health providers.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors Proclaim Friday, April 1st through Sunday, April 30th, 2016 Alcohol Awareness Month and take the following related action:

Urge County of Los Angeles to residents, hospitals, schools and colleges to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with excessive and underage drinking. Help is available through private and public health plans and self-help groups.

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